

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly
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(Coauthors: Senators Emmerson and Knight)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to the Detective Jeremiah MacKay Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, as introduced, Donnelly. Detective Jeremiah MacKay Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 38 in San Bernardino County as the Detective Jeremiah MacKay Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Jeremiah MacKay was born on June 4, 1977, in
- 2 San Bernardino, to Alan and Marie MacKay; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. MacKay grew up with his younger sister,
- 4 Angela, in Lake Arrowhead, where he developed a passion for
- 5 mountain recreation. At the age of four he climbed the highest
- 6 peak in southern California, 11,503-foot Mount San Gorgonio;
- 7 and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. MacKay attended Calvary Chapel Christian
2 School in Twin Peaks, and Mary P. Jenck Intermediate School and
3 Rim of the World High School, both in Lake Arrowhead; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his adolescence, Mr. MacKay enjoyed
5 being part of a youth group at Church of the Woods in Lake
6 Arrowhead, and loved participating in sports, including football,
7 tennis, and skiing; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. MacKay continued to spend time in the
9 mountains as a young man, working as a ski and snowboard
10 instructor at the Snow Valley Ski Resort in Running Springs, and
11 as lake patrol for the Arrowhead Lake Association in Lake
12 Arrowhead; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. MacKay began his career in public service
14 when he joined the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
15 as a member of Academy Class 131. He graduated from the
16 program and became a Deputy Sheriff on June 4, 1998, his 21st
17 birthday; and

18 WHEREAS, As a deputy, Mr. MacKay was assigned to the
19 Central Detention Center, Central Station, and Sheriff Training
20 Facility, all in San Bernardino, and Twin Peaks station, in Twin
21 Peaks. He was promoted to the rank of detective and served in that
22 capacity at stations in Twin Peaks, Big Bear, and Yucaipa, with
23 the radio call sign of 14.D.2; and

24 WHEREAS, As part of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's
25 Department, Detective MacKay earned five California Highway
26 Patrol 10851 Awards and three Commander's Awards; and

27 WHEREAS, Detective MacKay was chosen to be a member of
28 the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard,
29 and lived by the three cardinal principles of the Sheriff's
30 Department: honor, pride, and tradition; and

31 WHEREAS, Although deeply committed to his public service
32 career, family and friends always came first to Detective MacKay;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Detective MacKay fell in love and proposed to his
35 wife, Lynette, on Thanksgiving in 2010, and married her on
36 November 19, 2011; and

37 WHEREAS, Whenever he had the opportunity, Detective
38 MacKay spent time with his family camping, attending country
39 music concerts, and visiting the beach; and

1 WHEREAS, Detective MacKay took pride in his Scottish
2 heritage and enjoyed playing the bagpipes. He was a member of
3 the Inland Empire Emerald Society for six years, and ultimately
4 became the organization's sergeant at arms; and

5 WHEREAS, On February 12, 2013, at the age of 35, Detective
6 MacKay was shot and killed by Christopher Dorner during the
7 manhunt for the rogue ex-Los Angeles Police Department officer;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Detective MacKay gave his life protecting the
10 community that he treasured. He will be remembered as a family
11 man with an infectious laugh who engaged life with joy and
12 enthusiasm; and

13 WHEREAS, Detective MacKay is survived by his beloved wife,
14 Lynette, step-daughter, Kaitlyn, and son, Cayden; and

15 WHEREAS, To honor Detective MacKay's memory, the 14.D.2
16 Prayer Project has been established to encourage prayer for the
17 safety of first responders; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates a
20 portion of State Highway Route 38 adjacent to mile marker 26.50
21 in San Bernardino County as the Detective Jeremiah MacKay
22 Memorial Highway to honor his noble sacrifice; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
24 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
25 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
26 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
27 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
28 further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
31 author for appropriate distribution.